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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

JP 5-317428 is not in the English language. It is relevant in that its purpose is to obtain a heating/humidifying apparatus which has a humidifying performance by no means affected by ventilation mode, for example, steady flow or adjusting respiration, variations in the flow rate of a sucked gas, an ambient environmental temperature and the like by using a dew formation sensor for the control of moisture to enhance stability of the moisture supplied. It constitutes a water tank module 1 for heating or humidifying is provided with a main heater to generate steam and the steam thus generated is made to be free to supply to a patient through a sucking zigzag pipe 3. A hose heater 4 comprising a linear heating body is inserted and mounted into the sucking zigzag pipe 3 constantly. The temperature of the gas sucked is measured with a thermistor 5 set at about the mouth of the patient. Output of the hose heater 4 is made free to adjust through a hose heater controller 6 and the humidity of the gas sucked is measured with a dew formation sensor 7. Output of the main heater 2 is made free to adjust through a main heater controller 8.

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